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At night, eyes are snuffed out  
like candles. They are covered,  
they are left in dark.

Eyes—the part of us most  
living, most awake, most  
in touch with the world;  
eyes carry us for miles away  
and bring back pictures. So  
much life in such little spaces—  
eyes flicker upwards  
from the wax of our cheeks.

Yet at night, while the ears  
remain somewhat alert, the skin  
still knows the air, the muscles  
know if they are in bed,  
the eyes at last rest, untroubled  
by fights next door, unworried  
by glare of yellow and red;  
they are left in peace  
to rise again the next morning  
into the light.